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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, throughout the ages You recognize, more than we, those who show the greatest courage and patience in difficult times such as during war.

Those who serve in the military are often in our prayers, Lord, and deserve this Nation's greatest respect and gratitude. You alone know however the great sacrifice their families face when preparing to deploy, during deployment, and when their loved one comes home. Even more pain and long suffering is endured by those military families who lose a family member in service to their country.

Today, the House raises up in prayer all military families. Strengthen them in love and faith that they always prove supportive. Provide them with great grace and inner freedom to embrace the separation and flexibility demanded of them due to military orders.

Lord, above all others, it is the voice of military families that are proudly heard when our Nation's anthem is sung from "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ELECTING MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 237

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Ms. Woolsey (to rank immediately after Mr. Gene Green of Texas).

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona). The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday it was announced that North Carolina's unemployment rate for January is 9.7 percent. This represents a 16 percent increase from December, and it is at its highest mark in 26 years. I have good reason, Mr. Speaker, to worry that the numbers will be even worse in my congressional district when they are reported.

It was devastating to learn yesterday that Cummins Diesel, Incorporated, will lay off 25 percent of its workforce. That is 390 people in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, an area that is already

suffering an unemployment rate of nearly 14 percent.

We must pull together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans, to rally behind President Obama's plan to revive our economy. This is not a quick fix. It is a measured, responsible, transparent and accountable approach.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in helping families who are hurting.

### THANKING JAY LENO FOR HIS SUPPORT OF METRO DETROIT WORKERS

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, all too often, it seems as though celebrities get caught up in their own life and have little time for those who are struggling in this very difficult economy. Well, Jay Leno is not one of those people. In fact, I think Jay Leno is an American hero today, because on Tuesday's Tonight Show, Jay Leno announced he will soon be doing a show at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Metro Detroit for the unemployed workers who have been struggling in this difficult economy, and the show will be absolutely free of charge.

Jay is donating his immense talent in an effort to give those workers who have been struggling a night out for a few laughs. I certainly also want to praise the leaders of the Palace who have offered up the facility free of charge for this event.

Jay Leno is a "car guy" who understands the hard work done by our Nation's auto workers and the incredible products they produce, and he understands that in this tough economy, many of those workers no longer have jobs.

It is absolutely outstanding that he is doing this to help lift their spirits

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